(b) the tenure of postings of the AEs and EEs and details of cases where the period of tenure has overshot, alongwith the reasons therefor and measures taken to ensure that postings do not exceed tenure to minimize menace of developing pockets of corruption; and

(c) the manner in which it is ensured that these Engineers attend their offices during duty hours daily and do not indulge in malpractices like doing private businesses or using their contractors' cars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that the Assistant Engineers and Executive Engineers are mainly posted in various Divisions and Circles in different Zones under Chief Engineers and also in other Departments of DDA such as Vigilance, Building, Land Management, Land Disposal and Housing etc. The pay scale of Assistant Engineers is Rs. 6500-200-10500 and that of Executive Engineers is Rs. 10000-325-15200. In addition, other allowances prescribed under Government of India's rules are also admissible. The duty hours of Assitant Engineers and Executive Engineers are 9.30 AM to 6.00 PM for main offices (five days working) and 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM for site offices (six days working).

(b) DDA has further informed that the tenure for Executive Engineers is three years and subject to performance. For Executive Engineers (Planning), the tenure is two years subject to performance. For Assistant Engineers, the Zonal tenure of posting is six years. DDA has also reported that no case of period of tenure overshot has been noticed.

(c) The performance of Engineers of DDA are suprervised by their superiors. DDA has reported that no case of Engineers doing private business has come to its notice.

Delhi Urban Arts Commission

†2313. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman and members of Delhi Urban Arts Commission have resigned from their posts;

(b) if so, the reasons for their resignation;

(c) whether these resignations would badly affect the functioning of the Commission; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government to check this ill effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC) was reconstituted for a three year term on 5th April, 2005. As the term of the present Chairman & Members of the Commission was to come to an end by the first week of April, 2008, steps were teken by the Government to elicit nominations for reconstituting the Commission. In the meanwhile, the Chairman and Members resigned on 20.2.2008, citing reasons such as negative reports which appeared in the media about delay by the Commission in clearance of Commonwealth Games 2010 related projects.

(c) and (d) Steps are being taken to ensure that the Commission's functioning is not affected in any way by the resignations.

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